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## Minutes 4/7/2010

Thompson School Building Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
 Thompson School  
 60 North Union Street  
 7:30 pm

### Present:

Kathleen Bodie / Chair  
 Robert Juusola / Vice-Chair  
 Sheri Donovan  
 Toby Jackson  
 Diane Johnson  
 Domenic Lanzillotti  
 Suzanne Robinson  
 Karen Tassone / Secretary

Attendees: HMFH Architects (George Metzger, Lori Coles)

Call to order: 7:35 pm

### Enrollment Projections / status report by PMA

Rob Juusola reported that all of the enrollment projection information has been submitted to MSBA and that the enrollment projection of 380 students is an acceptable number. Next steps include a possible meeting with Rob, Kevin and the MSBA on Friday April 10th, the district may or may not receive a verbal okay with a follow up letter on the enrollment numbers. Since the 380 enrollment number does not include the early childhood program, Kathy will amend the enrollment questionnaire to reflect those numbers.

### Report on Tour of Existing Schools

Thompson Principal Sheri Donovan, Parent Rep Tobey Jackson, George Metzger and Lori Cowles (HMFH) reported on their tour of Brackett, Dallin and Pierce Schools. They discussed with staff at each school, what works, what does not work and what they like about their school. The group did note that traffic and congestion at drop off and pick up times seemed to be an issue at all of the schools. In discussing design at the Thompson School, the placement of the early childhood program and its needs would need to be considered in the placement of the drop off and pick up times for students. The committee also discussed possible placement of the stage and the inclusion of a science room in the design plan.

### Athletic field(s) land swap sketch

Lori Cowles (HMFH) presented the land swap sketch and reported that comparison study shows that the square footage for both spaces is equal. The sketch is available at the Town Manager's office.

### Traffic Study

The Committee discussed defining the goals and parameters of the study, (i.e. volume, signage, space for certain things, and counts). HMFH suggested a traffic analysis of the entire block surrounding Thompson School. A subcommittee of Sheri Donovan, Tobey Jackson and Tony Lionetta will work with HMFH on the study. Additionally, the subcommittee will look at how traffic will impact Broadway and other streets if there is a land swap.

Other Business

On a motion by Diane Johnson seconded by Kathy Bodie it was unanimously  
Voted Approval of March 24, 2010 minutes

Next Meeting

To be determined

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Karen Tassone  
Committee Secretary